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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - November 4, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that Steve Hansok Kang was sentenced today in U.S. District Court by United States District Court Judge Napoleon A Jones, Jr. to serve 46 months in custody following his guilty plea to bank robbery charges. Judge Jones also ordered that Kang serve a three-year term of supervised release following his release from prison and pay restitution to the victim banks for the entire loss.

According to court records, Kang, who became known as the “meal time bandit,” was convicted of robbing five separate banks in North County San Diego, from March 30, 2004, to April 10, 2004, of a total of \$9033.50. In each of the five bank robberies, Kang entered the bank and presented a written demand note to a bank teller. In the demand note, Kang stated that he was armed and demanded cash from the teller. In

response to Kang's threats and intimidation, each teller handed over cash from the teller drawer. On, July 6, 2004, Kang pled guilty to all five robberies.

### **DEFENDANT**

Steve Hansok Kang

### **SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 2113(a) (Bank Robbery) Five Counts

Maximum Penalty: Twenty years' incarceration per count

\$250,000 fine

Three years of supervised release

### **INVESTIGATING AGENCIES**

Federal Bureau of Investigation

San Diego Police Department